In the claims:

- 1. (amended) A pharmaceutical composition for sustained release, said composition comprising a water soluble salt of fluvastatin as active ingredient and being selected from the group [comprising] consisting of matrix formulations, diffusion-controlled membrane coated formulations[;] and combinations thereof.
- 2. (amended) A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 wherein the [said] water soluble salt of fluvastatin is the sodium salt.
- 4. (amended) A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 3 wherein the matrix material is selected from the group [comprising] consisting of polyethylene oxide, hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose and paraffin.
- 6. (amended) A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 5 wherein the matrix material is selected from the group [comprising xanthane] consisting of xanthan and polyvinyl chloride.
- 8. (amended) A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 7 wherein the material for <u>film formation</u> is selected from the group [comprising] <u>consisting of</u> ethyl cellulose, hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose and [hydoxypropyl] <u>hydroxypropyl</u> cellulose.

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